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1. DECEMBER 15 CHIEF OF EUR/SOV BILATERAL SECTION RAISED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS THE VISA CASES OF EIGHT AMERICAN SCHOLARS REFUSED SOVIET VISAS TO BE IN MOSCOW FOR DECEMBER 21 - 23 MOSCOW SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH CULTURE. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT, WHILE SYMPOSIUM IS NOT OFFICIALLY SPONSORED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, IT IS ORGANIZED BY PRIVATE SOVIET CITIZENS, WHO INVITED AMERICANS TO ATTEND. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE CSCE UNDERTAKINGS WITH REGARD TO NATIONAL MINORITIES, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL GROUPS SEEM RELEVANT TO THE SYMPOSIUM. DEPTOFF POINTED OUT

THAT THE SYMPOSIUM AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS' EFFORTS TO PARTICIPATE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTRACT WIDESPREAD AMERICAN PUBLIC, CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS ATTENTION.

2. DEPTOFF ASKED IF SOVEMBASSY HAD RECEIVED BLANKET INSTRUCTION NOT TO ISSUE VISAS FOR SYMPOSIUM AND URGED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY ISSUE VISAS TO FOLLOWING AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WHO HAD BEEN REPORTEDLY REFUSED.

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HAROLD SCHULWEISS - UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM OF LOS ANGELES

3. KAVALEROV MADE NO RESPONSE OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS AMBASSADOR AND MFA OF DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATION. KISSINGER

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